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Missouri Population Up 77 Thousand; Many State Areas Grow Faster Than Nation

Jefferson City - - New 2002 population estimates released today by the Missouri Office of Administration and the U.S. Census Bureau reveal significant shifts in Missouri's population since the census was taken on April 1, 2000.

"We see that many areas in Missouri grew faster than the nation during the last couple of years," said Ryan Burson, Missouri State Demographer. "Some counties grew more than three times faster, and a few counties had sizable new growth spurts. Overall growth statewide slowed from its pace in the late 1990s, however."

The state's population increased by 77,368 people to a total of 5,674,055 on July 1, 2002. This 1.4 percent growth rate compared to a national growth rate of 2.5 percent over the same period. Most of the growth was due to a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 46,406 persons, but there was also substantial migration growth--a net migration gain of 30,962 persons.

St. Louis County remained the state's most populous county with 1,018,102 persons in 2002. Worth County remained the state's least populous county with 2,298 persons. Both counties have held these rankings since the 1960s. The independent City of St. Louis, whose population is estimated along with Missouri's 114 counties, held the most populous ranking in the 1960 census.

The ten fastest-growing counties in percentage terms between 2000 and 2002 were Christian (8.9%), Lincoln (8.6%), Texas (7.1%), Warren (6.8%), St. Charles (6.7%), Cass (6.4%), Platte (5.3%), Webster (5.2%), Pulaski (5.1%), and Mississippi and Clay tied for tenth (4.0%). Most of these counties are in the Kansas City, St. Louis, and Springfield metropolitan areas, but Mississippi, Texas and Pulaski counties are outside metropolitan areas. Population growth in Mississippi and Texas counties came as a result of new prison openings in Charleston and Licking. Pulaski County experienced gains in military personnel at Fort Leonard Wood.

St. Charles County led all counties by a wide margin in total population growth, gaining 19,147 persons. St. Louis City lost the most population, declining by an estimated 9,836 persons.

Population estimates are prepared in the years between censuses by the Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates. They are based on the last census and are updated in demographic models with administrative data, such as birth and death records and institutional survey results.

Estimates are presented for all Missouri counties in the following table and population trend map. Population tables, maps, and current estimates for Missouri and other areas in the United States are available by clicking on "Estimates" at the Missouri Census Data Center's Web site: mcdc.missouri.edu.

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Missouri County Populations and Components of Change: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2002

	July 1, 2002 Estimate	April 1, 2000 Census ^a	Total Change	Percent Change	Components of Change		
					Births	Deaths	Net Migration ^b
Missouri	5,674,055	5,596,687	77,368	1.4%	169,965	123,559	30,962
Adair County	24,946	24,977	-31	-0.1%	506	446	-91
Andrew County	16,751	16,492	259	1.6%	405	353	207
Atchison County	6,323	6,430	-107	-1.7%	138	205	-40
Audrain County	25,639	25,853	-214	-0.8%	812	684	-342
Barry County	34,527	34,010	517	1.5%	1,002	698	213
Barton County	12,862	12,541	321	2.6%	369	308	260
Bates County	16,976	16,653	323	1.9%	546	517	294
Benton County	17,583	17,180	403	2.3%	330	538	611
Bollinger County	12,248	12,029	219	1.8%	313	298	204
Boone County	139,492	135,454	4,038	3.0%	3,999	1,907	1,946
Buchanan County	85,313	85,998	-685	-0.8%	2,549	2,143	-1,091
Butler County	40,764	40,867	-103	-0.3%	1,203	1,115	-191
Caldwell County	9,096	8,969	127	1.4%	319	191	-1
Callaway County	42,210	40,766	1,444	3.5%	1,074	792	1,162
Camden County	37,857	37,051	806	2.2%	793	870	883
Cape Girardeau County	69,511	68,693	818	1.2%	1,931	1,524	411
Carroll County	10,263	10,285	-22	-0.2%	304	252	-74
Carter County	5,860	5,941	-81	-1.4%	138	232	13
Cass County	87,310	82,092	5,218	6.4%	2,413	1,599	4,404
Cedar County	13,825	13,733	92	0.7%	348	384	128
Chariton County	8,197	8,438	-241	-2.9%	140	334	-47
Christian County	59,117	54,285	4,832	8.9%	1,841	1,014	4,005
Clark County	7,432	7,416	16	0.2%	145	188	59
Clay County	191,381	184,006	7,375	4.0%	6,059	3,143	4,459
Clinton County	19,632	18,979	653	3.4%	611	619	661
Cole County	71,894	71,397	497	0.7%	1,936	1,347	-92
Cooper County	17,007	16,670	337	2.0%	400	419	356
Crawford County	23,173	22,804	369	1.6%	608	571	332
Dade County	7,877	7,923	-46	-0.6%	197	284	41
Dallas County	15,874	15,661	213	1.4%	464	403	152
Daviess County	8,030	8,016	14	0.2%	278	157	-107
DeKalb County	13,029	13,073	-44	-0.3%	223	239	-28
Dent County	14,922	14,927	-5	0.0%	421	441	15
Douglas County	13,330	13,084	246	1.9%	243	329	332
Dunklin County	32,805	33,155	-350	-1.1%	1,076	1,157	-269
Franklin County	95,890	93,807	2,083	2.2%	2,632	1,790	1,241
Gasconade County	15,461	15,342	119	0.8%	372	448	195
Gentry County	6,607	6,861	-254	-3.7%	116	281	-89
Greene County	243,355	240,391	2,964	1.2%	6,753	5,398	1,609
Grundy County	10,213	10,432	-219	-2.1%	299	317	-201
Harrison County	8,785	8,850	-65	-0.7%	202	312	45
Henry County	22,250	21,997	253	1.2%	780	738	211
Hickory County	8,909	8,940	-31	-0.3%	165	244	48
Holt County	5,136	5,351	-215	-4.0%	95	148	-162
Howard County	10,004	10,212	-208	-2.0%	254	256	-206
Howell County	37,280	37,238	42	0.1%	1,024	992	10
Iron County	10,381	10,697	-316	-3.0%	207	379	-144
Jackson County	660,773	654,880	5,893	0.9%	23,262	13,501	-3,868
Jasper County	107,073	104,686	2,387	2.3%	3,734	2,348	1,001
Jefferson County	203,993	198,099	5,894	3.0%	6,088	3,289	3,095
Johnson County	49,779	48,258	1,521	3.2%	1,574	714	661
Knox County	4,285	4,361	-76	-1.7%	102	129	-49
Laclede County	32,757	32,513	244	0.8%	896	841	189
Lafayette County	33,125	32,960	165	0.5%	954	805	16
Lawrence County	36,082	35,204	878	2.5%	1,047	968	799
Lewis County	10,384	10,494	-110	-1.0%	294	289	-115
Lincoln County	42,280	38,944	3,336	8.6%	1,143	636	2,829
Linn County	13,515	13,754	-239	-1.7%	392	424	-207
Livingston County	14,283	14,558	-275	-1.9%	285	447	-113
McDonald County	21,687	21,681	6	0.0%	710	413	-291

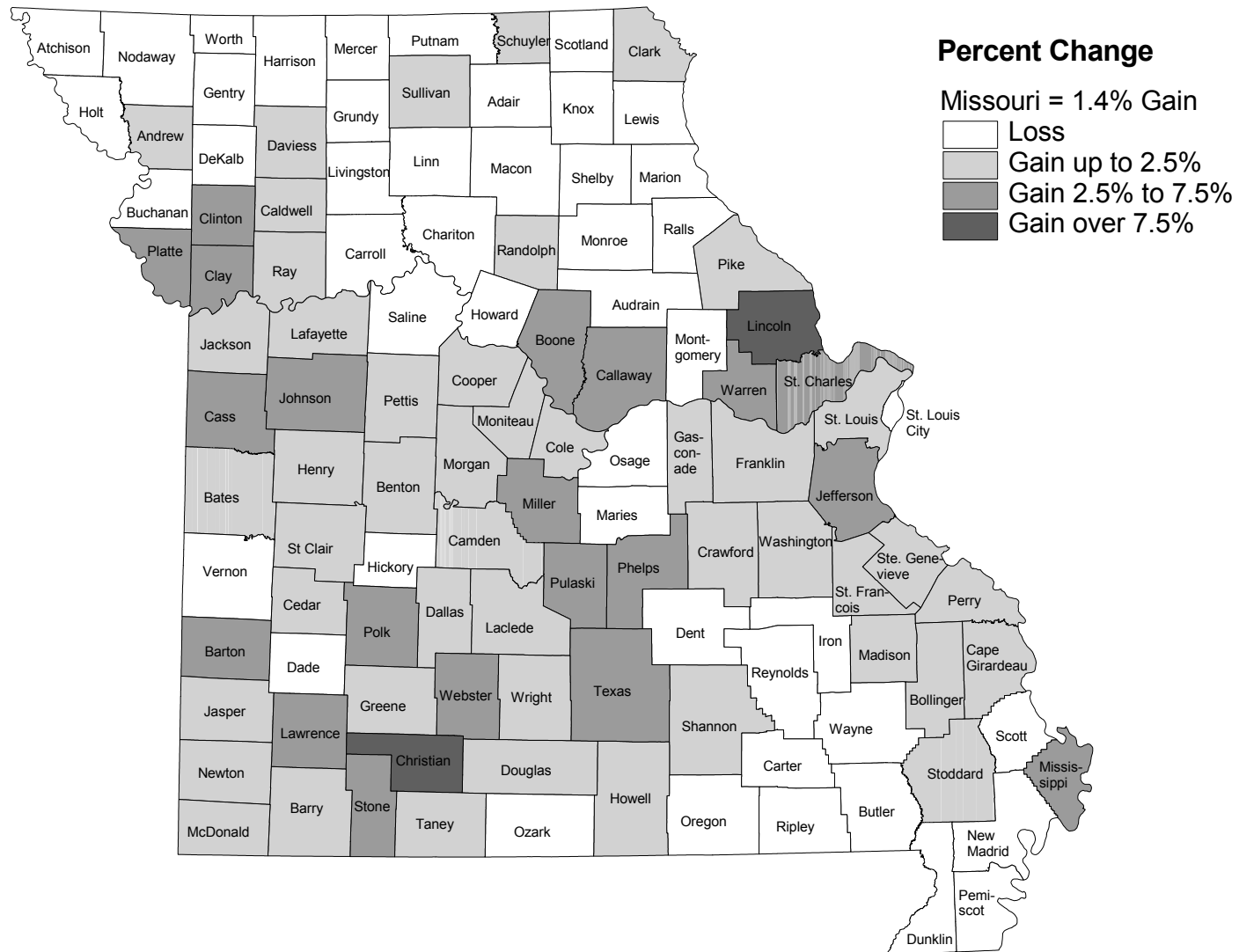
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Macon County	15,497	15,762	-265	-1.7%	460	508	-217
Madison County	11,807	11,800	7	0.1%	330	383	60
Maries County	8,700	8,903	-203	-2.3%	183	244	-142
Marion County	28,079	28,289	-210	-0.7%	926	685	-451
Mercer County	3,669	3,757	-88	-2.3%	74	112	-50
Miller County	24,176	23,564	612	2.6%	695	672	589
Mississippi County	13,966	13,427	539	4.0%	468	429	500
Moniteau County	15,023	14,827	196	1.3%	437	330	89
Monroe County	9,262	9,311	-49	-0.5%	208	365	108
Montgomery County	12,063	12,136	-73	-0.6%	323	369	-27
Morgan County	19,593	19,309	284	1.5%	488	656	452
New Madrid County	19,138	19,760	-622	-3.1%	488	555	-555
Newton County	53,130	52,636	494	0.9%	1,534	1,307	267
Nodaway County	21,651	21,912	-261	-1.2%	410	458	-213
Oregon County	10,265	10,344	-79	-0.8%	208	289	2
Osage County	13,040	13,062	-22	-0.2%	322	288	-56
Ozark County	9,397	9,542	-145	-1.5%	187	401	69
Pemiscot County	19,849	20,047	-198	-1.0%	866	505	-559
Perry County	18,274	18,132	142	0.8%	641	495	-4
Pettis County	39,542	39,403	139	0.4%	1,233	905	-189
Phelps County	40,932	39,825	1,107	2.8%	874	945	1,178
Pike County	18,389	18,351	38	0.2%	439	391	-10
Platte County	77,655	73,781	3,874	5.3%	2,245	1,085	2,714
Polk County	27,710	26,992	718	2.7%	895	545	368
Pulaski County	43,263	41,165	2,098	5.1%	1,326	572	1,344
Putnam County	5,208	5,223	-15	-0.3%	138	121	-32
Ralls County	9,584	9,626	-42	-0.4%	206	208	-40
Randolph County	24,699	24,663	36	0.1%	746	664	-46
Ray County	23,811	23,354	457	2.0%	671	493	279
Reynolds County	6,629	6,689	-60	-0.9%	173	148	-85
Ripley County	13,399	13,509	-110	-0.8%	260	390	20
St. Charles County	303,030	283,883	19,147	6.7%	9,226	3,647	13,568
St. Clair County	9,663	9,652	11	0.1%	201	280	90
Ste. Genevieve County	18,104	17,842	262	1.5%	433	329	158
St. Francois County	56,775	55,641	1,134	2.0%	1,596	1,620	1,158
St. Louis County	1,018,102	1,016,315	1,787	0.2%	29,369	21,849	-5,733
Saline County	23,018	23,756	-738	-3.1%	569	710	-597
Schuyler County	4,211	4,170	41	1.0%	106	139	74
Scotland County	4,868	4,983	-115	-2.3%	138	199	-54
Scott County	40,279	40,422	-143	-0.4%	1,190	1,090	-243
Shannon County	8,382	8,324	58	0.7%	220	192	30
Shelby County	6,681	6,799	-118	-1.7%	166	206	-78
Stoddard County	29,828	29,705	123	0.4%	745	831	209
Stone County	29,381	28,658	723	2.5%	664	671	730
Sullivan County	7,315	7,219	96	1.3%	241	225	80
Taney County	40,601	39,703	898	2.3%	1,176	953	675
Texas County	24,625	23,003	1,622	7.1%	623	594	1,593
Vernon County	20,274	20,454	-180	-0.9%	652	665	-167
Warren County	26,193	24,525	1,668	6.8%	812	437	1,293
Washington County	23,503	23,344	159	0.7%	631	506	34
Wayne County	13,122	13,259	-137	-1.0%	308	371	-74
Webster County	32,671	31,045	1,626	5.2%	1,136	598	1,088
Worth County	2,298	2,382	-84	-3.5%	47	57	-74
Wright County	18,035	17,955	80	0.4%	488	541	133
St. Louis City	338,353	348,189	-9,836	-2.8%	13,260	9,523	-13,573

^aCorrected

^bIncludes domestic and international net migration, net federal citizen movement, and a small residual.
Source: Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates, April 2003.

Percent Population Change: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2002



Source: Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates